

The History of

Fals I would it were bed time *Hal*, and all well.

Prin. Why? thou owest God a death.

Falst. 'Tis not due yet, I would bee loath to pay him before his day: what need I be so forward with him that calls not on me? Wel, tis no matter, honor pricks me on: yea, but how if he nor prick me off when I come on? how then can honor set to a leg? no, or an arme? no, or take away the griefe of a wound? no, honor hath no skil in Surgery then? no: What is honor, a word: what is that word honor? what is that honor? aire: a trim reckoning. Who hath it? he that died a Wednesday? doth he feele it? no: doth he heare it? no: tis insensible then? yea, to the dead: but will it not liue with the liuing? no: why? detraction will not suffer it, therefore Ile none of it, honour is a meere skutchion, and so ends my Catechisme.

Exit.

Enter VVorcester, and sir Richard Vernon.

Wor. O no, my Nephew must not know, sir Richard
The liberall kind offer of the king.

Ver. Twere best he did.

VVor. Then are wee all vnder one.

It is not possible: it cannot be,
The King would keepe his word in louing vs,
He will suspect vs still, and find a time,
To punish this offence in other faults,
Supposition, all our liues, shall be stucke full of eyes,
For treason is but trusted like the Foxe,
VVho neuer so tame, so cherisht and lockt vp,
VVill haue a wilde trick of his ancessers:
Zooke how he can, or sad or merily;
Interpretation will misquote our lookes,
And we shall feed like Oxen at a stall,
The better cherisht, still the nearer death.
My Nephewes trespass may be well forgot,
It hath the excuse of youth, and heat of bloud,
And an adopted name of priuiledge,
A hair-braind Hotspur gouerned by a spleene,
All his offences liue vpon my head
And on his fathers, VVe did traine him on
And his corruption beene tane from vs,

Henry the fourth.

We as the spring of all, shall pay for all:

Therefore good coosin, let not Harry know;

In any case the offer of the King.

Enter Hotspurre.

Ue Deliuier what you will Ile say tis so. Here comes your coosin.

Hot. My vncl is returnd.

Deliuier vp my Lord of Westmerland,

Vncl what news.

Wor. The King will bid you battell presently,

Doug. Desie him by the Lord of Westmerland,

Flor. Lord Douglas, go you and tell him so.

Doug. Marry and shal, and very willingly. *Exit Doug.*

Wor. There is no seeming mercy in the King.

Hot. Did you beg any? God forbid.

Wor. I told him gently of our grieuances,

Of his oath-breaking, which he mended thus,

By now forswearing that he is forsworne,

Hee calls vs rebels, traitors, and will scorge

With hawty armes, this hatefull name in vs. *Enter Doug.*

Doug. Arme gentlemen, to armes for I haue throwne

A braue defiance in King Henries teeth,

And Westmerland that was ingag'd did beare it,

Which cannot chuse but bring him quickly on.

Wor. The Prince of wales stept forth before the King,

And, nephew, challeng'd you to single fight.

Hot. O, would the quarrell lay vpon our heads,

And that no man might draw short breath to day,

But I and Harry Monmouth: tell me, tell me,

How shewd his talking? seemd it in contempt?

Ver. No, by my soule, I neuer in my life

Did heare a chalking vrg'd more modestly,

Vnlesse a brother should a brother dare

To gentle exercise and prooffe of armes.

He gaue you al the duties of a man,

Trimd vp your praises with a Princely tongu,

Spoke your desertings like a Cronycle,

Making you euer better then his praise,

By stil dispraying praise, valued with you:

And which became him like a Prince indeede,

Hee.